

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-36 Building Date: ca. 1905  
Building Name: Douglas House  
Location: 10301 Old Indian Head Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Douglas-Reamy House is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable dwelling in the shape of an L. It is a variation of the gable-front-and-wing plan, and is distinguished by a projecting bay and wraparound verandah. The principal east facade consists of a one-by-three-bay front-gable section which is highlighted by a two-story projecting semi-octagonal bay; the bay has a three-plane hip roof and molded cornice. Above the roof of the projecting bay in the gable end is a four-section lunette window; the gable end at this level is covered with German siding painted white. A one-by-two-bay wing extends south from (and flush with) the principal east gable end. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters the door, and continues south to wrap around the south gable end. The porch is supported by turned posts and rests on brick piers; a metal railing has recently been added. The original German siding has been covered (except high in the east gable end) by gray asbestos shingle. Cornices are molded and boxed, and painted white. They are returned at all gable ends. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, nearly centered in each of the west and south sections of the ell. There are two additions in the rear of the house, a two-story shed on the westerly wing and a one-story hip-roof, screen-enclosed porch at the west gable end.

Significance:

The Douglas-Reamy House is a good example of a modest late Victorian farmhouse. It was built in the first decade of this century by Violetta Douglas, on land purchased by her husband, Joseph Douglas, after the Civil War. The house is a modest, frame L-shaped farmhouse, a variant of the gable-front-and-wing plan, typical of dwellings built at the turn of the century. While abandoning the exuberant decorative features of the Queen Anne Victorian style, it retained the two-story semi-octagonal bay, wrap-around porch, and classic door enframing which gives it its attractive appearance. This modest but attractive farmhouse is a noticeable landmark on the Old Indian Head Road.

Acreage: 1.15 acres

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Douglas House

and/or common Reamy House

### 2. Location

street &amp; number 10301 Old Indian Head Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Warren J. Reamy, Jr.

street &amp; number 10301 Old Indian Head Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber #3008

street &amp; number Main Street folio 565

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Douglas-Reamy House is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable house in the shape of an L. It faces east towards Old Indian Head Road, as it runs through an area of rolling farmland near Cheltenham. The house is a variation of the gable-front-and-wing plan, and is distinguished by a projecting bay and wraparound verandah.

The principal east facade consists of a one-bay-by-three-bay front gabled section on the north which is highlighted by a two-story projecting semi-octagonal bay; the bay has a three-plane hip roof and molded cornice, and there are 1/1 double hung sash windows in each of its three faces. Above the roof of the projecting bay in the gable end is a four-section lunette window; the gable end at this level is covered with German siding painted white.

A one-bay-by-two-bay wing extends south from and flush with the principal east gable end. Entrance is in the second bay of its two-bay east facade through a four-panel door. The entrance has three-pane transom and two-pane sidelights, and a plain board surround. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters the door, and continues south to wrap around the south gable end. The porch is supported by turned posts and rests on brick piers; a metal railing has recently been added.

The house was originally sided with German siding, now covered (except high in the east gable end) by gray asbestos shingle. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. At third level in each of the west and south gable ends is a small four-pane single-sash window. The cross gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. Cornices are molded and boxed, and painted white. They are returned at all gable ends. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, nearly centered in each of the west and south sections of the ell. The building rests on a brick foundation, in some places parged with concrete.

There are two additions in the rear of the house. A lower two-story shed addition extends the westerly wing one bay to the south; across its widened west gable end is a one-story hip-roof, screen-enclosed porch which shelters a rear entrance in the first bay of this west gable end. The entrance has a single-pane transom.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca 1905

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Douglas-Reamy House is a good example of a modest late Victorian farmhouse. It stands on the old road between Rosaryville and Brandywine, in a still-rural area east of Crain Highway.

This house was built on the Cottage Grove farm in the first decade of this century by Violetta Douglas. After the Civil War, her husband, Joseph Douglas had purchased the 170-acre Tayman family farm known as Cottage Grove; the Tayman family reserved rights to the family burial ground on this land.<sup>1</sup> Later, circa 1905, (possibly after the loss of her own dwelling) Violetta Douglas, widow of Joseph, had the subject dwelling constructed.<sup>2</sup> It was a modest frame L-shaped farmhouse, a variant of the gable-front-and-wing plan, typical of dwellings built at the turn of the century. While abandoning the exuberant decorative features of the Queen Anne Victorian style, it retained the two-story semi-octagonal bay, wrap-around porch, and classic door enframement which gives it its attractive appearance.

After Mrs. Douglas left the area (ca. 1920) this small farm became the residence of the Grow, Roach and Reamy families.<sup>3</sup> The house stands next to the farm lane which leads to the Tayman family graveyard. A small tobacco barn, now on a separate parcel of land, completes the small farm complex. This modest but attractive farmhouse is a noticeable landmark on the Old Indian Head Road.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Deed, FS #4:274.

<sup>2</sup> Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890-1920.

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Deeds, #172:337; #333:267, 269; #417:376; #407:241; #2512:55; #2654:319, 323; #3008:565. Prince George's County Equity, B-3759.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, item #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.15 acres

Tax map 127, parcel 142

Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section B

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date August 1986street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPC telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Description (continued)

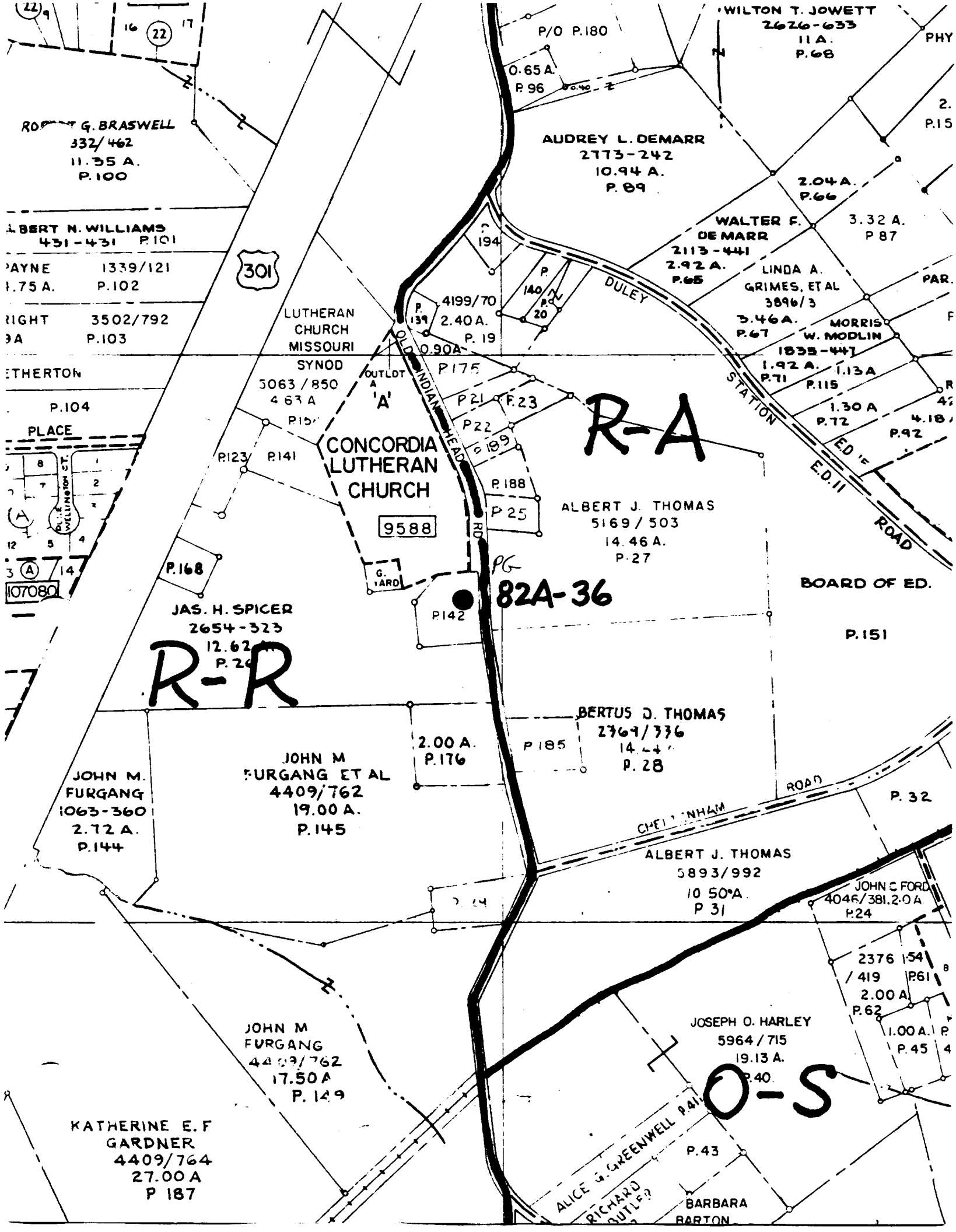
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Just west of the house is a small shed-roof storage shed with vertical board siding.

A short distance northwest of the house, on the other side of the unpaved farm lane, is a gable roof barn with vertical board siding; it has a lean-to wing on each side, and its roof is covered with standing seam tin.

Beyond the barn, further west and just outside of the subject dwelling parcel, is a fenced graveyard. This is the burial ground of the Tayman family, who owned this farm, "Cottage Grove", in the nineteenth century.







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Douglas-Reamy House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1986  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Douglas-Reamy House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1986  
Barn, view to northwest  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Douglas-Reamy House  
Prince George's county, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1986  
Northwest 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Douglas-Reamy House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD